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SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Sir, out of the experiments conducted so far, may I know to what extent menthol can be exploited for commercial purposes?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, the experiments are not yet complete.

Arumugam Murder Case

* 454 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the reasons for not filing an appeal against the acquittal of accused Sri Natarajan and others, in Arumugham's death case?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Government have been advised that this is not a fit case for filing appeal against acquittal.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, may I know whether the acquitted persons have been reinstated?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, does not the judgment delivered by the judge say that he was acquitted on grounds of 'benefit of doubt'? In these circumstances, do not the Government think that it is a fit case to go in for an appeal?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, the Public Prosecutor has been consulted, and it is in accordance with his opinion that it was decided not to file an appeal. But if the hon. Member, who is himself a lawyer, can give me a note about his own legal opinion, I would consult the Advocate-General on it.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Questions are over.

[*Note*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—PRIVILEGE MOTION *re.* A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE MADRAS CORPORATION COUNCIL.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Sri A. A. Rasheed has given notice of a privilege motion. He says—

"I hereby give notice of the following motion of breach of privilege :—

The Corporation of Madras at its meeting held on the 15th March 1960, has passed a resolution 'regretting the statements made by Messrs. C. Rajam Ramaswamy, K. S. G. Haja Sheriff and K. Vinayakam on the floor of the Legislative Assembly in regard to the administration of the Madras Corporation'. The speeches referred to were made by the Members concerned during the general discussion on the Budget for 1960–61 which is now going on. The mover of the resolution in the Corporation has stated, according to the report published in the *Indian Express*, dated Wednesday, 16th March 1960, that the concerned Members of the Legislative Assembly had 'misused the privileges they had as Members of the Legislature'.